GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

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AUDITORS OF BANKS
SADASHIVRAO DADOBA MANDLIK;SUKDEO PASWAN

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Reserve Bank of India has requested the UnionGovernment not to further delay the appointment of statutory auditors for nationalised banks;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for delay; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for appointing statutory auditors ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): An elaborate system of appointing statutory auditors in public sector banks has been evolved by RBI/Central Government over a period of time. RBI has set up a sub-committee (Audit) under the aegis of the Board of theFinancial Supervision which formulates policy governing the audit and lays down norms for the empanelment of Statutory Auditors. Thereafter Standing Advisory Committee finalises a panel of statutory auditors to be appointed in nationalised banks out of the list of eligible audit firms received from the office of Comptroller & Auditor General and Institute of Chartered Accountants of India.